In the Description

1. On page 1, after the subtitle "RELATED APPLICATIONS", please amend the first paragraph as follows:

This application is a U.S. national application under 37 C.F.R. § 371(b) of International Application Serial No. PCT/US2004/039142 filed November 22, 2004 which claims priority under 35 USC §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/530,029, filed December 16, 2003, the ~~disclosure~~ disclosures of which ~~is~~ are incorporated herein by reference.

2. Amend lines 12-26 on page 5 as follows;

In accordance with one embodiment, the isolated competitive exclusion microorganism strain is a *Lactobacillus salivarius* strain, including for example Salm-9 (American Type ~~Cell~~ Culture Collection, 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209, ~~deposit~~ Deposit Accession No:_____ PTA-6307, deposited on November 16, 2004), List40-18 (American Type ~~Cell~~ Culture Collection, 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209, ~~deposit~~ Deposit Accession No:_____ PTA-6308 deposited on November 16, 2004) and List40-41 (American Type ~~Cell~~ Culture Collection, 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209, ~~deposit~~ Deposit Accession No:_____ PTA-6309, deposited on November 16, 2004). In another embodiment the isolated microorganism strain is List40-13 of *Streptococcus cristatus* (American Type ~~Cell~~ Culture Collection, 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209, ~~deposit~~ Deposit Accession No:_____ PTA-6310 , deposited on November 16, 2004). List40-13, Salm-9, List40-18 and List40-41 are each Gram-positive, catalase-negative, and oxidase-negative. The CE isolates grow well at 37°C and 42°C, and Salm-9, List40-18, and List40-41 even grow well at 45°C. All four CE bacteria grow under aerobic, microaerobic, and anaerobic conditions, hence they are facultative anaerobes. Each of these four CE isolates is resistant to bile salts and tolerant to acid (pH 2.6), indicating that they could successfully survive the harsh conditions of the gizzard and reach the lower intestinal tract (ceca and colon) where *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* colonize.